

## ARENDS ASSAILS MCNAMARA, AIDES

He Claims They 'Minimize'  
Opinions Of Joint Chiefs

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sentative Arends (Ill.), House Republican whip, today criticized Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, and his "whiz kids" for minimizing the "experienced judgement" of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Unless we waken before it is too late," Arends told the House, "we may find ourselves a second-rate military power, with neither the military plans nor equipment necessary to deal decisively with a determined enemy who is daily planning and preparing for our destruction."

The ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, Arends attacked McNamara savagely earlier this year during the debate on the Administration's refusal to spend large sums on the RS-70 plane.

Some believed here that Arends's renewed attack on the Defense Secretary may have been prompted by the failure of President Kennedy to keep Admiral George W. Anderson, who differed publicly with McNamara on the controversial TFX plane, as chief of naval operations.

Arends said that the country had to answer this question before it was too late: "Is our military defense strategy, our defense plans and our future defense posture, to be entrusted to civilian theorists, with no military training or experience; or, is our defense strategy, plans and posture to be entrusted to the experienced military judgment of our Joint Chiefs of Staff?"

Arends left no doubt where he stood. He pointed out that he had raised public attention before on the "alarming extent" that he claimed McNamara was substituting his judgment in strictly military matters for the joint chiefs.

"It should be obvious to all of us from the TFX controversy and the RS-70 controversy, and a number of other matters involving our defense plans and posture that military judgment and military experience is being minimized at the Pentagon," he said.

Arends belittled what he called the "defense intellectuals" brought into the Pentagon by McNamara, a Republican himself and former president of the Ford Motor Company, for "running cards through a machine and presuming to get all the answers."

Arends suggested that when military decisions were made, the country should rely on "those who by training and years of experience are equipped to make such decisions."

The congressman referred to articles by military writers who had also questioned the "dangerous developments" at the Pentagon.

He also placed into the Congressional Record, another article in the Saturday Evening Post by Gen. Thomas D. White, former Air Force chief of staff, which was critical of defense planning by McNamara.

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